GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
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DISINVESTMENT OF SALEM STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether global tender has been floated for disinvesting Salem Steel Plant in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to look after the plight of worker engaged prior to the disinvestment of Salem Steel Plant; and

(d) the remedial measures, if any, proposed to be taken by the Government to rehabilitate these casual labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had issued a global tender inviting experienced and competent companies[Strategic Partner(s)] to establish suitable stainless steel making and slab casting facilities at Salem in Joint Venture (JV) with SAILThis has been done as divestment of non-core assets of SAIL is an important component of the restructuring of SAIL.

(c) & (d) The advertisement also indicated that the SP shall comply with SAIL`s decision to absorb all personnel presently working in SSP, with full protection of their existing compensation packages and other service conditions in case of joint venture through equity participation in Salem Steel Plant.